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## **PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED FOR THE WOLFDEN ZONING PETITION**

### **ZP 779, Pickett Mountain Mine, T6 R6 WELS**

**11/21/2020 through 02/04/2021**

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**Maine Land Use Planning Commission  
Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry**

The Maine Land Use Planning Commission is accepting public comment on the zoning petition filed by Wolfden Mt. Chase, LLC. to allow for development of the Pickett Mountain Mine in T6 R6 WELS. Public comments will be accepted until 10 days following the close of the public hearing for the petition. The public hearing has not yet been scheduled. A public notice for the hearing will be issued later this year in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice, 01-672 CMR 4.

Written comments received on the Wolfden Zoning Petition for the Pickett Mountain Mine will be posted periodically on the LUPC webpage. Information on changes to the webpage and other notifications to interested persons will be distributed through the Maine GovDelivery system.

For more information on the review process, filing public comments, and signing-up for notifications, visit the LUPC webpage at: [https://www.maine.gov/dacf/lupc/projects/wolfden/wolfden\\_rezoning.html](https://www.maine.gov/dacf/lupc/projects/wolfden/wolfden_rezoning.html).

**From:** [Craig Terrell](#)  
**To:** [LUPC, Wolfden Rezoning](#)  
**Subject:** Metallic Mining in Maine at Picket Mountain and your role in Rezoning. Ought Not to Allow!  
**Date:** Saturday, November 21, 2020 7:40:13 AM

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I first witnessed Metallic Mining exploration of Bald Mtn. back in the early 70's. Unaware of the dangers in the Volcanic mountain (Bald Mtn.) and lurking in the Massive Sulfur deposit and fragile bedrock the surrounded our camp on Carr Pond. I found Carr Pond in the summer of 1973 when I met my wife's family camp and fell in love with the area. The mining co. that would change the area for ever was the Black Hawk with little experience and less funding they plundered the area. Drilling both vertical and horizontal to pinpoint the deposits for their investors and not using any protective embankments in their drilling. Allowing the area watershed to be drawn down to unacceptable levels and allowed silt to flow freely in to Carr Pond. While the Black Hawk co drilled and flushed back in the holes of the test holes gray silt found its way into Carr Pond. As we are spring fed we witnessed silting like we had never seen before from two miles away. Drilling uphill with out so much as a bale of hay witnesses testified during the public hearings they saw silt running down the Carr Pond Road and into the near by streams. This was just the exploration and this fragile ecosystem was changed for ever. This was all done in good faith compliance assuring the Department of environmental protection they would protect the area. 500 holes drilled in that mountain and test holes most uncapped and open leaching into the water table arsenic and denigrating the waters of Bald mountain stream, Moose Brook, Carr Pond, Clayton Stream, Mud Pond. These trout streams were AA streams and the trout hatchery of the Fish River System. When applying for a permit they them selves admitted the fatal flaw in their plan was the use of the rivers and streams in the surrounding area and the destruction of the water quality. Allowing the change of Zoning would have allowed them to destroy the biota that sustain the trout and Salmon fishery forever.

History repeats itself, you have an obligation to this ecosystem to protect it from just the same threat at Picket Mountain. Good faith is not enough to allow a permit and this company has neither the resources or the experience to Dry Stack and separate materials into a system the will be safe for this fragile ecosystem.

We worked with the Department of Natural Resources and Department of Environmental Protection for Five years to develop safe mining rules. Unfortunately these rules were not protective enough in the end a compromise was given to the mining pressures to allow mining. Fatal flaw in these rules are the Dry Stacking regulation given our climate and

topography and soil types. Along with the ability to denigrate the mining area (as defined by DEP) allowing contamination in the ground waters of Maine.

This is the time to intervene and not permit Mining of these sulfuric deposits at Picket Mountain. My research and understanding of these Volcanic deposits from five years of hearings and experiencing metallic mining first hand beg you do the right thing. Demand higher standards and protect Maines pristine environment.

Craig Terrell

From the affected area Carr Pond Maine T13 R8

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Chaplin CT 06235  
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**From:** [BILL BISHOP](#)  
**To:** [LUPC, Wolfden Rezoning](#)  
**Subject:** Metallic Mining in Maine at Picket Mountain and your role in Rezoning.  
**Date:** Saturday, November 21, 2020 1:54:27 PM

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To whom it may concern,

My family camp has had camps on continuously since 1902 and I've loved the pristine nature of the area all my life. I first witnessed Metallic Mining exploration of Bald Mtn. back in the early 70's. Unaware of the dangers in the Volcanic mountain (Bald Mtn.) and lurking in the Massive Sulfur deposit and fragile bedrock the surrounded our camp on Carr Pond. The mining co. that would change the area for ever was the Black Hawk with little experience and less funding they plundered the area. Drilling both vertical and horizontal to pinpoint the deposits for their investors and not using any protective embankments in their drilling. Allowing the area watershed to be drawn down to unacceptable levels and allowed silt to flow freely in to Carr Pond. While the Black Hawk co drilled and flushed back in the holes of the test holes gray silt found its way into Carr Pond. As we are spring fed we witnessed silting like we had never seen before from two miles away. 500 holes drilled in that mountain and test holes most uncapped and open leaching into the water table arsenic and denigrating the waters of Bald mountain stream, Bishop Pond Stream, Moose Brook, Carr Pond, Clayton Stream, Mud Pond. These trout streams were AA streams and the trout hatchery of the Fish River System. When applying for a permit they them selves admitted the fatal flaw in their plan was the use of the rivers and streams in the surrounding area and the destruction of the water quality. Allowing the change of Zoning would have allowed them to destroy the biota that sustain the trout and Salmon fishery forever.

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William Henry Bishop  
Leaseholder from the affected area Carr Pond Maine T13 R8

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**From:** [Betsy Terrell](#)  
**To:** [LUPC, Wolfden Rezoning](#)  
**Subject:** Pickett Mountain metallic mineral mining concerns  
**Date:** Sunday, November 22, 2020 3:50:55 PM

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Dear Land Use Planning Commission Stacie R. Beyer,

My name is Betsy Bishop Terrell and I have a camp on Carr Pond T13 R8, not far from Bald Mountain. I write to you with concerns of the rezoning of the proposed metallic mineral mine on Pickett Mountain.

I have been on Carr Pond my entire life, and watched first hand the environmental impact on this area since the beginning of the mining exploration on Bald Mountain. Some of the environmental impacts included putting in a road, drilling test holes, and silt deposits into Carr Pond, all of which are irreversible. I have also observed that many of the test holes are not covered, and or, the covers are rusted and falling off. So, one of my concerns is how metallic mines are monitored for compliance of the state regulations.

As for specifically Pickett Mountain, does the shell company, Wolfden Resources, have the financial ability to see it through to the end while adhering to the Chapter 200 regulations? Past history for metallic mineral mining is take the deposit and run, pay fines for breaking the rules, and or, go bankrupt.

It is my opinion that the LUPC reject Wolfden Resources application for rezoning. Maine has to protect its wild places for future generations and keep it safe for all.

It is up to you to secure the safety of unorganized territories for all who visit, and to protect its environment. There is no turning back from damage done to the environment from metallic mineral mining.

Sincerely,  
Betsy Bishop Terrell

**From:** [Ralph R. Smith](#)  
**To:** [LUPC, Wolfden Rezoning](#)  
**Subject:** Wolfden Mine plans...  
**Date:** Monday, November 30, 2020 9:10:40 AM

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Dear Sir/Madam:

I am writing to strongly suggest that the Maine governmental authorities do not even remotely consider mining at Pickett Mountain or for that matter anywhere else in Maine. History has proven time and time again that the materials wanted are removed and the waste products are left for us to clean up after the company has gone bankrupt because they can not afford to clean up their toxic waste site.

Mining is not and should not be a part of Maine's story now or going forward.

Thank you.

Ralph Smith  
Fryeburg, ME 04037

**From:** [Diane Handler](#)  
**To:** [LUPC, Wolfden Rezoning](#)  
**Subject:** Correspondence for Wolfden Rezoning Petition  
**Date:** Monday, November 30, 2020 3:17:53 PM

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As a concerned Maine citizen who cares about protecting Maine's forests and water, I urge the commission to deny the proposal for a metals mine operated by Wolfden Resources.

Thank you,

Diane Handler  
Auburn, Maine

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Jeremy Bloom](#)  
**To:** [LUPC, Wolfden Rezoning](#)  
**Subject:** Reject Wolfden's Application  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 01, 2020 6:17:15 AM

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I wholeheartedly ask that this application be rejected until they can do business without destroying land.

Jeremy Bloom  
53 River St, Lewiston, ME 04240

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*Please call/text me at 207-272-0443 for timely matters. For work-related issues you can email [jeremy@internet-farmer.com](mailto:jeremy@internet-farmer.com).*

**From:** [Neil Gallagher](#)  
**To:** [LUPC, Wolfden Rezoning](#)  
**Subject:** Do Not Approve Wolfden Mining Proposal  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 02, 2020 3:54:01 PM

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The proposal by Wolfden Resources would be a clear violation of Maine mining standards and the zoning rules that LUPC is mandated to protect. The company has no experience in mining, no knowledge of how to responsibly deal with mine waste, and no apparent understanding of Maine regulations. This is a purely speculative enterprise, which LUPC should stifle immediately.

Just how speculative is it? In its initial proposal, Wolfden states

Wolfden continues to trade at a discount to many of its peers because investors have their doubts about Maine's willingness to issue mining permits. We anticipate that this trend will continue for the project until milestones like the rezoning have been achieved and the project is proceeding well through its baseline studies.

In other words, financial solvency is something they hope to achieve if, and only if, two things happen:

- (1) They get the required permits, which will be their primary asset, not any assets they now possess. "We may not be all that solvent now, but if you issue the permits that will help a great deal". LUPC issues permits, their stock rises. If that isn't a dictionary example of speculation then I don't know what is.
- (2) The project proceeds well "through its baseline studies". More speculation. And if those baseline studies don't go well? Then the dream of higher stock prices vanish, and Maine is stuck with the mess.

Please listen to the local residents, native tribes, sporting interests, conservation groups, and others who have expressed their opposition to this ill-conceived and dangerous proposal.

Thank you,  
Neil Gallagher  
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207-838-2932

**From:** [Sherwin Start](#)  
**To:** [LUPC, Wolfden Rezoning](#)  
**Subject:** Correspondence for Wolfden Rezoning Petition  
**Date:** Friday, December 04, 2020 1:01:20 AM

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Gentlemen;

I am firmly against this project for the following reason(s); 1) Pollution control & Abatement is NOT addressed at any stage of the development; 2) Mitigation of the ENVIRONMENTAL affects has NOT been addressed; 3) The Noise Pollution and AIR QUALITY Issues have not been addressed; 4) There has not NOT to date been a an E.I.S. (Environmental Impact Study) completed by the U.S. Army Corp. of Engineers/E.P.A. or the D.E.P. Until I Personally have seen ALL Of these issues addressed for this project- it will NOT Have my backing ..

Respectfully;  
Sherwin Start PhD.

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

**From:** [Diane Oltarzewski](#)  
**To:** [LUPC, Wolfden Rezoning](#)  
**Subject:** NO Mines for Maine!  
**Date:** Friday, December 04, 2020 8:40:57 AM

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We don't want it, we don't need it, we categorically reject a metal mine in Maine! "We" includes all the living creatures and organisms that are sick to death of our human poisons.  
Please do the right thing for our environment and block any attempt by these dirty companies to sully our lands.  
Thank you,  
Diane Oltarzewski  
Belfast Maine

**From:** [Bruce Gagnon](#)  
**To:** [LUPC, Wolfden Rezoning](#)  
**Subject:** No to Wolfden mine  
**Date:** Friday, December 04, 2020 10:47:01 AM

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LUPC should reject the Wolfden metal mine application at Pickett Mountain.

The company has no ability to operate its proposed mine without seriously damaging our environment and forcing taxpayers to pick up remediation costs.

Bruce K. Gagnon  
34 Weeks St  
Bath  
389-4606

**From:** [Gail Wilmott](#)  
**To:** [LUPC, Wolfden Rezoning](#)  
**Subject:** Public comment  
**Date:** Friday, December 04, 2020 2:22:48 PM

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This proposal will seriously damage Maine's environment. Wolfden cannot manage this mine in an environmentally effective way and has not documented sufficient financial capacity to operate this mine. I oppose granting any permissions or licensing for the Wolfden mine. Thank you. Gail Wilmott

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***gail wilmott***  
***Data Entry Tech***  
***Dining Services***  
***University of Maine, Orono***  
***207-581-4415***

**From:** [Nancy Hasenfus](#)  
**To:** [LUPC, Wolfden Rezoning](#)  
**Subject:** Wolfden"s application  
**Date:** Friday, December 04, 2020 6:13:07 PM

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Dear LURC members:

Please reject the Wolfden application. They do not have an adequate plan to deal with the polluted wastewater they will generate. Maine does not want this pollution.

Thanks for listening.

Nancy Hasenfus

**From:** [Nancy Hathaway](#)  
**To:** [LUPC, Wolfden Rezoning](#)  
**Subject:** Mining  
**Date:** Saturday, December 05, 2020 7:07:28 PM

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Hello

I am very concerned about Wolfden mining operation.  
Water especially

When their representative came to our International Appalachian Trail meeting, I asked him about lighting because the night sky is precious around the Katahdin region and what kind of lights were they planning. He said that lighting had not occurred to them.

He was asked back the following year, but did not attend.

I ask LUPC, what about our precious night skies above Mt Chase?

thank you  
Nancy Hathaway

*“May all of us as a species use this opportunity to wake up to our shared humanity, our shared vulnerability, and to nourish compassion and tolerance, and not our fear and discrimination.” The monks and nuns of Plum Village*

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#### Writings by Nancy

**"I'm Breathing, Are You?" is an essay published by Shambhala in anthologies Finding Your Inner Mama, Your Children Will Raise You and along with the Dalai Lama and Thich Nhat Hahn the Best Buddhist Writing 2006.**

**"In Grandmother's Lap" is an essay published in the anthology for grandparents, Child of Wonder, by North Atlantic Books. Essays in numerous magazines.**

*I enjoy hearing from you and attempt to reply to emails within 24 hours Monday through Friday.*

**From:** [Joanna Leary](#)  
**To:** [LUPC, Wolfden Rezoning](#)  
**Subject:** Say "NO" to the Wolfden Mine  
**Date:** Monday, December 07, 2020 2:29:42 PM

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Dear Members of the Land Use Planning Commission,

I write to request that you reject Wolfden Resources' application to operate a metal mine at Pickett Mountain. This 528 acre mine is close to both Baxter State Park and to the Katahdin Woods & Waters National Monument. Wolfden has failed to prove that it can treat polluted wastewater from the mine adequately, has proposed that mine waste be disposed of in a manner in violation of Maine's mining law, and doesn't have the financial resources to safely operate a mine of this kind.

In closing, the LUPC should reject Wolfden's application for rezoning. The company has no reliable prospect for operating this mine without doing serious damage to Maine's environment. Tourism plays a major role in Maine's economy, especially in the Baxter State Park area, and damage to these ecosystems would cause economic losses as well.

Thank you, Joanna Leary

**From:** [Carol Ast](#)  
**To:** [LUPC, Wolfden Rezoning](#)  
**Subject:** Mining proposal at Pickett Mountain  
**Date:** Monday, December 14, 2020 10:20:09 AM

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am a full time Maine resident who opposes the proposal by Wolfden Resources to mine metals near Pickett Mountain.

They show no concern whatsoever for any of Maine's regulations which have been designed to protect against the very activities that Wolfden will be doing. The results of their mining will permanently ruin the area they will be working in, as well as the surrounding lands.

I strongly urge you to deny their proposal.

Thank you,

Carol Ast, Damariscotta

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [charles fitzgerald](#)  
**To:** [LUPC, Wolfden Rezoning](#)  
**Subject:** LUPC Zoning Permit 779 - Wolfden Mt. Chase, LLC  
**Date:** Sunday, December 20, 2020 12:39:01 PM

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With half a million metallic mineral mines abandoned across the country, Maine has its share. Every metallic mineral mine that we know about in Maine is causing endless unstoppable pollution. The Callahan mine, the Kerr-American mine and even one of the oldest, the Katahdin Iron Works mine, are well known examples.

The Callahan mine, which is facing remediation costs of \$45 million, is a superfund site which means that you and I are going to pay for remediation. All this for a mine that only earned about a million dollars for its original operator.

Even the tiny Katahdin Iron Works mine, operated by oxen pulling out cartloads of iron ore in the 1800s, is still leaking acid rock drainage into the appropriately named "Red Brook," a tributary which runs into the otherwise pristine Pleasant River. The leaking is not stopping and may not stop for hundreds of years. Metallic mineral mining pollution is inevitable and not amenable or even affordable to clean up. It just keeps on going for centuries (there are records of continuous pollution from ancient mines in Spain going back 5,000 years).

There would probably be no mining companies coming to Maine if they knew they were on the hook for long term pollution remediation. That hook is probably meaningless because they know they can bankrupt themselves to escape liability as they have often done in the past. And afterall, Wolfden Mt. Chase is an LLC.

The present law, LD 1820 is meant to prevent the prospect of endless toxic pollution, but raises more questions than answers:

1. Where is the science that shows that toxic groundwaters can be contained in the fractured bedrock of mining shafts (C. Terrell) and that a plume of pollution can be stopped within the confines of a mining area? Who will carry out and pay for the perpetual treatment of reactive waste rock left at the mining site? How can we compel the mining companies to be "perpetually" responsible for these costs? One question leads to another.
2. If an "open pit" is defined as more than three acres, then an excavation of up to 400 feet in diameter is permissible under the rules. What prevents a proliferation of these excavations to remove the underlying precious-metal-rich "gossan" deposit (not to mention the temptation to abandon the less profitable deposits after collecting the gold)?
3. Where is the science that shows that with the pattern of existing (and increasing) rainfall in Maine and the countless pristine waters of lakes, ponds and streams found almost everywhere in Maine's North Woods, including around Pickett Mountain, that metallic mineral mining is still possible without contamination of those waters? The history of metallic mining in Maine shows that there is always contamination and that it can't be controlled.
4. If even exploratory drilling, to assess the value and location of mineral deposits, can cause a disaster of the magnitude that occurred on Bald Mountain (C. Terrell), what can we expect when full scale mining operations begin with the disturbance and disposal of hundreds of thousands of tons of reactive rock?
5. If the location of Pickett Mountain is within the critical habitat supporting eastern brook trout, how can we be certain that metallic mineral mining can occur in the region without the risk of degrading that habitat in the foreseeable future? The Pebble Mine proposal in Alaska, defeated for the time being, is, in some respects, a large version of what the Pickett Mine could be. Protecting fish is a prime consideration. With the evidence in the historical record that almost all mining contamination is long lasting, can we reasonably calculate the losses to the long term recreational economy (including the brook trout fishery) as compared to the short term economic benefits of mining? Boom and bust economies seem to be the hallmark of mining enterprises. Just ask the

people of New Brunswick.

Metallic mineral mining in Maine ended in 1977. We are fortunate that a few public servants in state government had the foresight to keep it that way for more than 40 years. In the meantime, scientists have been looking for an existing, nonpolluting metallic mineral mine which could help us draft sensible protective legislation and rules. They admittedly haven't been able to find that mine.

We have a unique opportunity in contrast to the many states where metallic mineral mining is prevalent regardless of the high risk and the damage done. Here in Maine, we have a chance to protect the values of Maine's North Woods without pockmarking the landscape with enormously destructive mining enterprises. The LUPC should not open the gates by rezoning the Pickett Mt. area or any other region under its jurisdiction to allow mining. To allow the rezoning would be putting the cart before the horse. We need to know first whether there is a mining scenario that is workable and that will not diminish our continuously productive recreational resources or contaminate the clean waters that rise in Maine's North Woods.

Please consider the consequences. We have hindsight. Now let's have foresight.

Charles FitzGerald  
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Sebec, Me. 04481  
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**From:** [Kathy Cerick](#)  
**To:** [LUPC, Wolfden Rezoning](#)  
**Subject:** Wolfden Rezoning  
**Date:** Thursday, December 31, 2020 1:57:28 PM

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To Members of the Maine LUPC:

According to Rudman Winchell, Attorneys in Bangor, the purpose of the Land Use Planning Commission (LUPC) is to "enhance sound land use and development and to encourage the most desirable use of air, land and water resources. This purpose is met by developing minimum requirements that establish, and promote, health, safety and general welfare land use standards." .

Back in 2017, Mainers became extremely concerned about the dangers to our health and safety because the laws that were being applied for by the mining companies were protecting the mining companies whose sole responsibility is to turn out profits for their shareholders, but not protecting Mainers, our environment or our economy.

In May of 2017, the Maine Senate, by a unanimous roll call, passed LD820 which was "An Act to Protect Maine's Clean Water and Taxpayers from Mining Pollution." The purpose of this act was to protect Mainers from the hazards of metallic mineral mining by banning the most dangerous kind of mineral extraction and enacting strict regulations on the extraction of metal in the state. However, LD820 stated that "discharges resulting in limited contamination of groundwater from activities permitted under this article may occur within a mining area." There is no way that allowing contamination from in a mining area can prevent such contamination from running into our ground water, especially in our state which is so full of streams and rivers. Metallic mineral mining is potentially dangerous to our health and to our recreational economy (which includes the Eastern brook trout fishing).

Since your criteria for approval of zoning permits states that "The change in districting will have no undue adverse impact on existing uses or resources or a new district designation is more appropriate for the protection and management of existing uses and resources within the affected area."

As the LUPC is considering allowing rezoning for Wolfden Mt. Chase, this would allow contamination of our ground waters, streams, rivers and therefore dangerously affect our health and our economy.

Please do not allow the rezoning for Wolfden Mt. Chase.

Sincerely,  
Kathryn Cerick  
13 Burgess Road  
Sebec, Maine. 04481  
207-564-0707

**From:** [Lindsay Newland Bowker](#)  
**To:** [Seal, Robert R](#); [Beyer, Stacie R](#); [Tartakoff, Daniel](#); [Loyzim, Melanie](#); [Marvinney, Robert G.](#)  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Backfill as Proposed by Wolfden One of the Safest Methods of Tailings Disposal  
**Date:** Friday, January 22, 2021 11:54:17 AM

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Thank you, Dr. Seal. And Wolfden recognizes that. They are anticipating only 50% of tailings being suitable for backfill. (I have raised the issue of whether the other part that isn't suitable for backfill would be suitable for dry stack which is mandated as the only allowable surface disposal of tailings) Also, in previous correspondence I flagged the problems with paste backfill at Bathurst which should be kept in mind here as well..we have the same host geology.

Hopefully Maine is still capable of recognizing the difference between opinion and sentiment and actual expertise, especially in something as complex and challenging as tailings management.

Stacie et. al. copied here, Dr. Seal's comment should also be in all those folders and recognized not as public comment but as highly expert sharing with you. A nice than you note might be in order. Dr. Seal has been exceedingly generous in trying to help Maine frame a workable mining statute and he knows Maine quite well as a USGS geologist.

I love this State, Dr. Seal, where my ancestors have lived and worked from 100 years before it was Maine. I am compelled by the challenges and complexities of public policy for mining and have enormous respect for the long haulers like you who have worked tirelessly over decades to accomplish an adequate world mineral supply with as little adverse impact as possible. You are an inspiration and a touchstone in my work of mapping risk in the world portfolio of 29,000 to 35,000 existing facilities.

With Gratitude,

Lindsay

Lindsay Newland Bowker, Executive Director

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**From:** Seal, Robert R <[rseal@usgs.gov](mailto:rseal@usgs.gov)>

**Sent:** Friday, January 22, 2021 4:04 AM

**To:** Lindsay Newland Bowker <[compiler@worldminetailingsfailures.org](mailto:compiler@worldminetailingsfailures.org)>; Beyer, Stacie R <[Stacie.R.Beyer@maine.gov](mailto:Stacie.R.Beyer@maine.gov)>; Tartakoff, Daniel <[Daniel.Tartakoff@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:Daniel.Tartakoff@legislature.maine.gov)>; Loyzim,

Melanie <Melanie.Loyzim@maine.gov>

**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Backfill as Proposed by Wolfden One of the Safest Methods of Tailings Disposal

Hi Lindsay,

There are a number of pros for backfilling. However, keep in mind that when you crush rock, it basically doubles the volume. When ore grades are only a few percent, that means that you will only be able to return about half of the tailings underground. The other half will need to be managed on the surface.

Bob

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Robert (Bob) R Seal  
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**From:** Lindsay Newland Bowker <compiler@worldminetailingsfailures.org>

**Sent:** Friday, January 22, 2021 10:45 AM

**To:** Beyer, Stacie R <Stacie.R.Beyer@maine.gov>; Tartakoff, Daniel

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Backfill as Proposed by Wolfden One of the Safest Methods of Tailings Disposal

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Doing other work, I happened to run across this old classic still valid piece on the backfill, as proposed by Wolfden.

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Sincerely,

Lindsay Newland Bowker, Executive Director

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**From:** [Seal, Robert R](#)  
**To:** [Lindsay Newland Bowker](#); [Beyer, Stacie R](#); [Tartakoff, Daniel](#); [Loyzim, Melanie](#)  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Backfill as Proposed by Wolfden One of the Safest Methods of Tailings Disposal  
**Date:** Friday, January 22, 2021 11:04:58 AM

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Hi Lindsay,

There are a number of pros for backfilling. However, keep in mind that when you crush rock, it basically doubles the volume. When ore grades are only a few percent, that means that you will only be able to return about half of the tailings underground. The other half will need to be managed on the surface.

Bob

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**From:** Lindsay Newland Bowker <compiler@worldminetailingsfailures.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 22, 2021 10:45 AM  
**To:** Beyer, Stacie R <Stacie.R.Beyer@maine.gov>; Tartakoff, Daniel <Daniel.Tartakoff@legislature.maine.gov>; Loyzim, Melanie <Melanie.Loyzim@maine.gov>  
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**From:** [Alexandra Plante](#)  
**To:** [LUPC, Wolfden Rezoning](#)  
**Subject:** Wolfden Mining Project  
**Date:** Friday, January 22, 2021 3:14:10 PM

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To the LUPC,

I wanted to write to strongly oppose Wolfden Mining - the zoning proposal - to mine metal at Pickett Mountain. This company has no track record. What is the incentive to us Mainers? There are a million other ways to create jobs and bring in state revenue.

This wouldn't just affect one mountain, but the whole natural landscape and ecosystem of the surrounding areas. This also will hurt the economies of local surrounding areas that rely on eco-tourism at Baxter and Bradford Camps among others.

Thank you for your time and consideration,  
Alexandra

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Alexandra Plante

**From:** [Wesley Burnett](#)  
**To:** [LUPC, Wolfden Rezoning](#)  
**Subject:** Wolfden mine proposal  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 26, 2021 12:08:27 PM

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Come now, this is no fly-by-night company, but one that is very experienced. They should be able to answer any questions and provide any data for a full permit process to be conducted. Any failure to do so, it has to assumed, arises from their willful attempt to hide information and that information must be made available before any reasonable permitting process can be conducted.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Lindsay Newland Bowker](#)  
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**Subject:** So Enjoyed Your Paper Examining The Role of Law in The Aznacollar Failure.  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 27, 2021 1:56:56 PM

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RE:[https://www.academia.edu/30077410/Mining\\_Waste\\_Mining\\_waste\\_The\\_Aznacollar\\_tailings\\_pond\\_failure\\_Part\\_1?email\\_work\\_card=title](https://www.academia.edu/30077410/Mining_Waste_Mining_waste_The_Aznacollar_tailings_pond_failure_Part_1?email_work_card=title)

Dear Tilak,

Our charter at World Mine Tailings Failures mandates an analysis of the role of law in every catastrophic failure. By chance we had just done an in-depth update on Azna Collar without the insight of the additional details you document in your terrific paper.

We don't get to see the kind of informed legislative history you provide in this paper as background to the Azana Colar failure but what you document in Spain's history and the Single Market European initiative is what we see in all law we have examined.

(1) environmental law & stated policy did not emerge until the mid 80's and later many places so **much of the standing and much of the still operating TSF portfolio worldwide was not designed or licensed with environmental security or community of origin security in mind**

(2) when environmental law did emerge and lawmakers tried to fit mining into it, exceptions were carved out for mining or the law as framed didn't work well for vetting mine proposals. The carve outs for mining were influenced by the goal of attracting miners to identify and develop resources and of protecting private investment to assure that product could be presented and marketed in world markets not primarily about environmental or community protections per se.

(3) mining cartels defined the parameters of accountability to environment and community of origin(as they have defined the Global Tailings Review expectations)

(4) the public comment part of the EIS and the effectiveness of NGO's in lawsuits is in the context of legal structures with specific built-in protections for markets, product, production goals and therefore national revenue in the form of taxes, royalty fees, duties etc.. The framework of law applicable to mining guarantees few wins for NGO's taking up environmental security and community of origin impacts, especially if trying to block a new mine or a mine expansion because the law was careful to avoid accountability to these concerns.

(5) lawmakers fail to provide a means of competent on behalf of government vetting and oversight even against those standards which are clear in law ( as in Brazil, for example)

**To see your legislative history notes on Spain and the European Single Market framing was stunning and explains all of the above.**

**Your legislative history is the first time I had ever seen an explicit recognition that assigning liability for the consequence of failure would create a huge paralyzing uninsurable risk for the industry. An accumulated risk that by my estimation is so huge that not even a dent in de risking could be made out of present worldwide mine**

revenue.

For 10 years, I was Chief, Risk Management for the largest sewer and water authority in the world. I was a nationally recognized chartered property and casualty underwriter, an expert in high-risk construction risk finance ( tunneling). I can state with authority that virtually all consequence of catastrophic failure is uninsurable because **these catastrophe's I have spent 7 years documenting were all foreseeable and preventable, the definition of uninsurable.** so even if a company paid huge premiums (as Imperial Metals tried to do for Mt Polley) they would have no coverage for most events.

I had also never seen an explicit determination to minimize the opportunities for NGO's to actually effect production or force accountability to what is explicitly exempted or carved out of law through redefinition..

**Yours is a brilliant, compelling and enlightening assessment of environmental law as applied to mining in Spain and in the Single Market European initiative but with relevance as a statement on the general state of environmental law as applied to mining and mine wastes worldwide.**

Also, your piece on the Aznacollar failure had many facts that had not emerged even in our very recent in-depth search for data. I have updated our narrative on Aznacollar to reflect:

- (1)the prior to failure opposition by NGO's
- (2)the prior to failure finding of stability of the TSF before Boliden began the Los Frailes work
- (3)the extensive reformatting and strengthening of the TSF Boliden undertook
- (4)Boliden's reliance on the findings of stability
- (5) the findings of law that essentially found Boliden not negligent and in compliance with all applicable law.
- (6) that the joint clean up post failure did not fully protect Donana species who utilize and feed beyond the parks borders where Karen Hudson-Edwards had documented pockets of arsenic very much present and needing remediation.

I am so grateful to have found you and your excellent work and I thank you for it. I hope all those copied above will read and cite it and that you will be invited to participate in any future discernments by the Global Tailings Review ( a cartel driven cartel defined set of standards) and the various affiliates and branches of the United Nations. Your clarity and your command of environmental law as applied to mining is much needed in these deliberations to at least get all this on the official record..

**Our work and the work of our distinguished Board members says that accountability to environmental security and community of origin security presents no threats at all to an adequate reliable word mineral supply.** With new institutions to finance the de risking of the world TSF portfolio in exchange for committing its whole portfolio to accountability and competently certified stability, we can undo what environmental law has shaped as a massive level of deficiency in the present word portfolio of TSF's. We estimate that as many as 10,000 TSF's more than half active and receiving tailings need de risking.

That will require that nations that have been by passed by other nations as market leaders accept that instead of allowing a higher level of externalization of costs at the expense of community and environment. That is the normal life cycle of all nations. Tuscany got over it long ago and is doing just fine without mining. South Africa faced it long ago when they lost their top of the heap place in gold mining to the emergence of open pit mining. Canada is there now. No one should be investing anything in Brazil or the Philippines.

China has shown the world that in a 10 year window major supply side reforms can be enacted and result in a strengthened world dominant mineral sector.

A long way round to saying thank you for an edifying and very useful work.

Lindsay

Lindsay Newland Bowker, Executive Director

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**From:** [andrea.thurlow](mailto:andrea.thurlow)  
**To:** [LUPC, Wolfden Rezoning](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose metal mine at Pickett Mountain  
**Date:** Friday, January 29, 2021 4:28:26 PM

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Dear LUPC, Being a camp owner on Shin Pond, I am very much against the proposed metal mine on Pickett Mountain. The area is a scenic wonder and close to Baxter State Park and Katahdin Woods and Waters. I have seen metal mines in Canada and the destruction they can cause. They should not be allowed to bypass our zoning rules that are in place to protect the health of Maine's people and our environment. Please reject Wolfden's application, this area and it's pristine beauty is too valuable to risk being damaged by a metal mine. Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely, Andrea Thurlow Atkinson, Maine

**From:** [Sarah Dennison](#)  
**To:** [LUPC, Wolfden Rezoning](#)  
**Subject:** Please don't rezone  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 02, 2021 6:36:41 PM

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Hi LUPC,

Please don't rezone for this mine. It is a dangerous proposal where they will likely go bankrupt and leave a mess for taxpayers to clean up. Further, it would pollute class a clean waters which only have native fish, and then drain down to the Penobscot which has been recovering from past pollution through the restoration project. Also, tribes use connected areas for gathering food and important cultural practices.

The waste cleanup for sites like this cost millions of dollars, is very laborious, and lasts many decades.

Please don't rezone for this bad idea.

Sincerely,  
Sarah W. Dennison

**From:** [Maddie Eberly](#)  
**To:** [LUPC, Wolfden Rezoning](#)  
**Subject:** Please do not rezone.  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 02, 2021 7:26:39 PM

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Greetings,

It was brought to my attention that Wolfden has requested a rezoning for their proposed mining project. I would like to request that the rezoning is not allowed.

Wolfden is not a reputable or respectable company and should not be allowed access to Maine's lands for the purpose of mining or otherwise. Even a reputable company makes mistakes. Clean-up for a small mistake continues through decades, past the death of the company that caused it.

The indigenous people of Maine are the first stewards of this land and their voices must be included in decisions made regarding the land.

As was noted by Dan Kusnierz of the Penobscot Nation in a recent NRCM webinar, the Matawamkeag river, and therefore the Penobscot River, is at risk due to the possible rezoning and mining project. Atlantic salmon and other species need these currently healthy rivers to maintain their life cycles; the Atlantic salmon restoration would be undermined by this mine. Dan also noted the cultural significance of this area is not limited to but includes usage of birch for baskets and boats, harvesting food such as fiddleheads, fungi, and various animal species. The Wolfden mining project threatens the water quality of these rivers as well as that of the surrounding land.

Sharri Venno of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians brought up similar concerns in the NRCM webinar. Maliseet Trust Land health and the continued Atlantic salmon restoration project is threatened by the Wolfden mining project.

Igor Sikorsky, who operates the Bradford Camps, presented in the NRCM webinar. He expressed his concerns for the quality and health of the surrounding land as well as the aesthetic of the land. This mine could harm the recreational industry in the area as well as the usage of non-timber resources. Rezoning could create a passage for future environmental disturbance to lands that more directly affect Igor's areas.

As Wolfden is noting, they intend to use forest practices through timber harvesting to provide the monetary needs for the mine. Any practice done by a company such as this destroys the forest structure. High-grading timber is an excellent way to leave unhealthy trees to reproduce and regenerate on the land. Additionally, such extreme practices as are likely to be seen by this company would destroy the existing ecosystem

There is notable brook trout habitat north of the proposed mine site as mentioned by Nick Bennett, a NRCM staff scientist. Ecosystem magnification is another concern of mine. One small disturbance can be seen throughout an ecosystem in unprecedented ways. A profit for a small company that is not reputable or from the land they threaten is not worth the potential

destruction and degradation of the local ecosystems and cultures.

The mining laws in Maine must be honored. Rezoning would be disastrous.

Thank you for your time.

Warm regards,  
Maddie

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Maddie Eberly

(she/her/hers)

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**From:** [LUPC](#)  
**To:** [Beyer, Stacie R](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Wolfden project  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 03, 2021 8:08:01 AM

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**From:** lunksoos EPI <lunksoos@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 2, 2021 6:30 PM  
**To:** LUPC <LUPC@maine.gov>  
**Subject:** Wolfden project

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Please record our concern and objection to the Wolfden project and the watersheds it could destroy. The Risk far outweighs the benefits to our communities. (I live in Patten Maine and depend on the local natural resources for my living. )

Clean water is a necessity and Maine's greatest asset at this time. Our fisheries are vital , and this could forever impact those in the Mattawamkeag to Penobscot rivers and watersheds. The more I learn about this type of mining and the risks , the more concerned I become .

Thank you, please keep us posted on any public opportunities to speak out against this project.

respectfully,

Susan and Mark Adams

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**From:** [brian olas](#)  
**To:** [LUPC, Wolfden Rezoning](#)  
**Subject:** Wolfden Mining Proposal  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 03, 2021 1:16:41 PM

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Good Afternoon,

I am writing this letter in concern for the proposed Wolfden Mining project located in Northern Maine, just a mere 25 miles away from Mount Katahdin. After listening to a NRCM Zoom meeting last night, I was made aware of this dangerous mining operation potentially gaining rezoning to mine for metals. Please add me to the list of individuals that would like to receive future updates. I am concerned that this is not the kind of place for such an operation given the many rivers in the region that could be polluted as well as the native population who depend on clean resources on lands close by.

Respectfully,

Brian Olas  
Registered Maine Guide  
North Yarmouth, Maine  
nechowderhead@yahoo.com

**From:** [Maggie Hutchison](#)  
**To:** [LUPC, Wolfden Rezoning](#)  
**Subject:** Please reject Wolfden's rezoning application  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 03, 2021 1:29:02 PM

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express concern about Wolfden's rezoning application. If allowed, this would mean devastating effects for this critical Maine watershed. It would irreversibly damage the health of the fish population and the entire interconnected web of relationships surrounding them, from indigenous tribes to tourists. Please make the right choice for this health of the state, its population, and its land by rejecting this rezoning application.

Also, please add me to the interested parties list so I can receive updates about this issue.

Thank you!

Best,  
Maggie Hutchison  
Lewiston, Maine

**From:** [Marc Weeks](#)  
**To:** [LUPC, Wolfden Rezoning](#)  
**Subject:** Wolfden Rezoning decision  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 03, 2021 1:35:57 PM

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Good Morning,

The purpose of this email is to express my desire for the LUPC to reject the Wolfden Rezoning Application. As a resident/landowner of Aroostook County and landowner in Piscataquis County, I believe the negatives far exceed the positives were this precedent to be established.

Based on a plethora of examples of direct, indirect, and unanticipated damage from mining efforts globally, this project is very likely to yield irreparable damage to wildlife, habitat, fisheries, scenic beauty, and water resources. Each of these natural resources are diminishing at an alarming rate throughout the world and we are incredibly fortunate to have access to them in our state.

Authorizing this plan will clearly establish legal precedent regarding mining in our state, will at best have a negative impact on regional natural resources and at worst destroy them, and will negatively impact existing businesses that cater to enjoying sustainable natural resources throughout Northern Maine.

Thank you for your time and efforts in protecting and managing land use. Please add me to the interested parties list on this subject.

Respectfully,

Marc Weeks

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [writer@midcoast.com](mailto:writer@midcoast.com)  
**To:** [LUPC, Wolfden Rezoning](#)  
**Subject:** In opposition to re-zoning Pickett Mountain for mining  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 03, 2021 2:45:18 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

I'd like to register my strong opposition to any rezoning of the Pickett Mountain area for Wolfden's proposed mining operation.

This beautiful and environmentally fragile area is an essential home to wildlife, it is close to wilderness parks, near Native American lands, and lies between fish-spawning rivers that run clear...for now.

This area is also home to Mainers who make their living through logging, guiding and providing various outdoor experiences, year-round, for paying visitors. This harmonious economy could be injured or even destroyed by a mining operation. The people who live in this area love it and sustain it and a mine would threaten their way of life.

Wolfden, on the other hand, is simply looking to make money and then get out. But there's every indication Wolfden is in poor financial condition, and is not a viable candidate to construct a mine, abide by all restrictions, and pay for potential damage to the natural environment.

All in all, Wolfden sounds like a bad deal for local people, for Maine's booming tourist economy and for the preservation of the environment on which we depend.

As a journalist who has studied and written about Maine and its people for decades, I urge you to reject any application to rezone the Pickett Mountain area for mining. To do so would be courting disaster.

Sincerely,

*Steve Cartwright*

36 Shipyard Road Tenants Harbor, Maine 04860  
372-6534

Please add me to your list of interested parties.  
writer@midcoast.com

**From:** [LUPC](#)  
**To:** [LUPC, Wolfden Rezoning](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Pickett Mountain mine comments  
**Date:** Thursday, February 04, 2021 7:20:54 AM

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**From:** Ecam <pegnut@ptd.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 03, 2021 10:20 PM  
**To:** LUPC <LUPC@maine.gov>  
**Cc:** Godsoe, Benjamin <Benjamin.Godsoe@maine.gov>; East, Judith C <Judith.C.East@maine.gov>; nrcm@nrcm.org  
**Subject:** Pickett Mountain mine comments

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Dear Chairman Worcester,

Our family has been vacationing in Maine every summer for 20 years. Our love of this state led us to become invested in its roots by purchasing a camp lease in northern Maine. Now, multiple times every year, we drive 13 (yes thirteen) hours - one way! - to spend time in our second home. While in Maine, we purchase goods from many small businesses such as: Crandall's Hardware, The Appalachian Trail Cafe, Katahdin True Value, Sterns Lumber, Levasseur Hardware, Gracies Aunts Emporium, Katahdin General Store, George's Barber Shop, Qwik Stop II (ice cream), Ashland Auto Supply, Ty-Co Car Wash, Ashland Diner, Babes (deli-mart), Gateway Variety, the Ashland 1 Stop, Sullivan's, Reliance Repair, Mapleton Diner, Rathbun Lumber, Winnies, Grand Station Rental, Aroostook Trusses, Kelley's Fabric Care, Miller Metal Sales, Coastal Auto Parts, Graves Shop n Save, Hogan Tire, S.W. Collins DoitBest, Indian Hill Shop n Save, Northwoods Outfitters, Indian Store Kamp, Kokadjo Restaurant and Store. Katahdin Cedar Homes, and many other small restaurants, roadside stands and other local business.

We also frequent Hannaford, Irving, Dead River, Tim Hortons and other larger outlets. Sometimes we fly in to Bangor or Presque Isle. We employ local services such as guides, foresters, seaplanes, and carpenters.

**We spend thousands of dollars in northern Maine every year.**

**Why do we do this when a 13 hour drive can get us to 26 other states?** Because northern Maine is a gem unlike any other state. No other area comes close to the absolute beauty and vast wilderness of the North Maine Woods and Baxter State Park. Our family is concerned to hear Maine was entertaining the idea of opening up this area to mining. We feel it will be the beginning of the end of the last great wilderness in America. We encourage you to keep Maine wild and not mined.

Sincerely,  
The Cameron Family  
St. Peter's, Pennsylvania

PS, We remember the damage caused by the Sudbury Basin mine in Canada and the effect it's acid rain had on northern Maine's waterways and lakes, it took decades to recover. Please take a look at that mine today, it's still a vast, polluted wasteland.

**From:** [1withwhitewaters@gmail.com](mailto:1withwhitewaters@gmail.com)  
**To:** [LUPC, Wolfden Rezoning](#)  
**Subject:** Correspondence for Wolfden Rezoning Petition  
**Date:** Thursday, February 04, 2021 7:33:01 AM

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Good morning, my name is Noah Hale and I am a life long Maine resident. The Wolfden Rezoning Petition is of great concern to myself as well as my network of outdoor enthusiasts and professionals. For generations Maine has been a shining example of environmental conservation and respect. In the last few years it seems our priorities are shifting. Maine is special as we know, but once the presidents for industrialization are set, we will only have ourselves to blame when we look back a generation from now. Mining is awful short gain business.

Thank you, Noah Hale

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Marilyn Roper](#)  
**To:** [LUPC, Wolfden Rezoning](#)  
**Subject:** Concern  
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After studying numerous materials about the Wolfden Mt. Chase LLC proposal to rezone the Pickett Mt.. area to allow development, we have come to the conclusion that this fly-by-night small company is only speculating to boot-strap up the value of their property so that it would be more sellable (at a higher price) to a hoped-for company that could actually try to mine the proposed site.

We hope that you will not rezone this pristine area near Houlton where clean waters lure many to fish for trout that flourish there and are also spawning grounds for salmon. Because of poor results to protect the surrounding waters (despite vows to the contrary), mining operations are a threat to Class A waters and their watershed areas. This permit application should be nipped in the bud right now. Thank you.

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